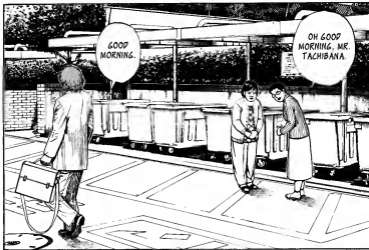




Your existence  
drives mankind  
towards calamity.

## CHAPTER 30 HESITATION



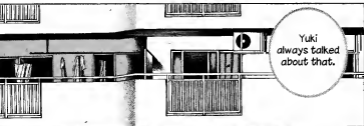


I wonder  
what they'd  
think if they  
knew my  
secret.

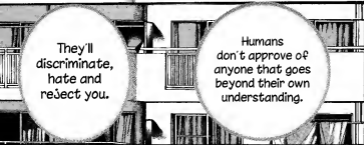


Hahahaha.  
My ears have  
gotten so good  
now that I even  
hear things that  
I don't want to.

She probably  
just ran off  
with another  
man. Hmph.



Yuki  
always talked  
about that.



They'll  
discriminate,  
hate and  
reject you.

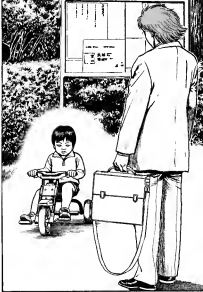
Humans  
don't approve of  
anyone that goes  
beyond their own  
understanding.



Huh?

Demon...







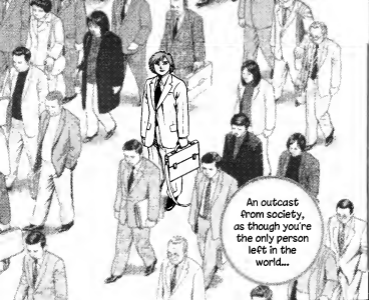


Everyone  
lives with  
their own  
problems.



But there  
are times when  
they are struck  
by a horrible  
loneliness.





An outcast  
from society,  
as though you're  
the only person  
left in the  
world...



OKAY, I'LL  
JUST GET AN  
ESTIMATE FOR A  
STUDY TOUR OF  
AUSTRALIA.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

GOOD, THANK YOU.



HAS YOUR LUCK BEEN GETTING BETTER EVER SINCE YOU FOUND A GIRLFRIEND?

AMAZING! YOU GOT US ANOTHER CONTRACT, MR. KUWATA.

I'VE BEEN LUCKY NO MATTER WHAT I DO LATELY.

YEAH, MY SACHIKO'S THE GODDESS OF LUCK.

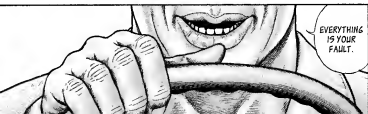
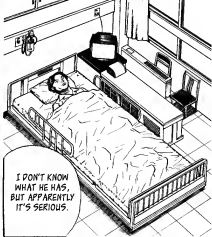


WHAT? SAITO IS SICK!?



OH YEAH, I HEARD THAT SAITO IS SAYING THAT HE'S SICK AND TAKING TIME OFF WORK...

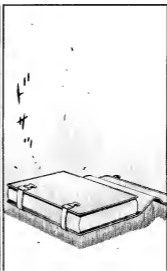
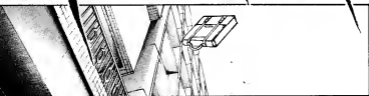
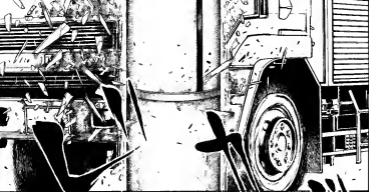


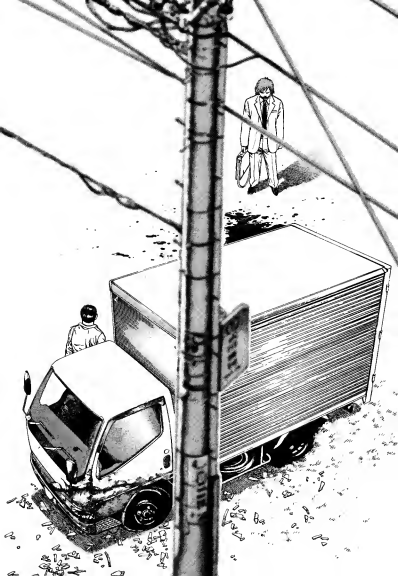




**WAHH!**











**AVULSION  
FRACTURE,  
AND POSSIBLE  
CEREBRAL  
CONTUSION.**



**INTESTINES  
ARE RUPTURED!**

**PULSE  
AND BLOOD  
PRESSURE  
DROPPING!**





IS... IS  
MR. KUWATA  
GOING TO  
BE...?



In Surgery



TONIGHT  
WILL BE THE  
BIGGEST  
HURDLE.

WE'VE DONE THE  
BEST WE CAN. WE'LL  
HAVE TO RELY ON THE  
PATIENT'S VITALITY  
FOR THE REST.



I...  
I SEE.





IS HE  
NEARBY?

Seimei is using  
people with his  
power.



THAT TRUCK  
WAS AFTER  
MR. KUWATA,  
NOT ME.

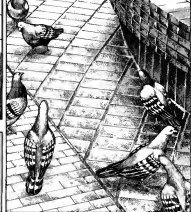
He's trying to  
make you feel  
alone by bringing  
tragedy to those  
around you.



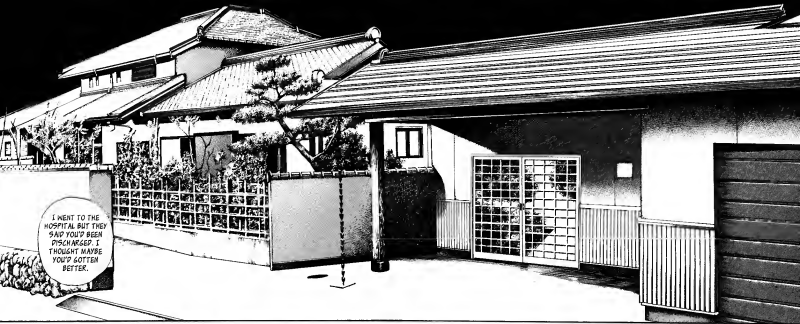
REMOTE  
CONTROL WITH  
HIS POWERS.

No. Can't  
sense him  
nearby,  
right?

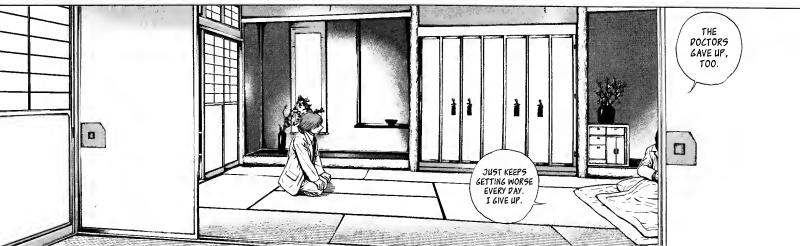




Tachibana  
Hitori. Your  
existence drives  
mankind towards  
calamity.



I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL BUT THEY SAID YOU'D BEEN DISCHARGED. I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D GOTTEN BETTER.



JUST KEEPS GETTING WORSE EVERY DAY. I GIVE UP.

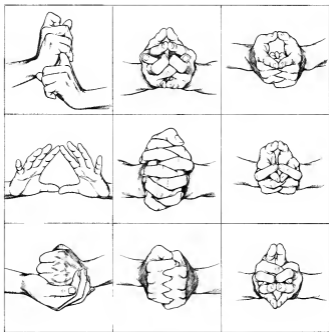
THE DOCTORS GAVE UP, TOO.



H... HELP  
ME, HITO.



異形人  
白若丸



## CHAPTER 31 MY BELOVED

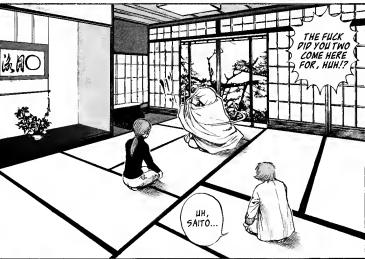




I'M SORRY...  
NOT WITH MY  
POWERS, THAT'D  
BE IMPOSSIBLE.



DOES THAT  
MEAN YOU  
CAN GET  
RID OF IT  
FOR US!?



THE FUCK  
DID YOU TWO  
COME HERE  
FOR, HUH!?

UH,  
SAITO...



SHE MAY  
BE A PSYCHIC OR  
WHATEVER, BUT  
DID YOU BRING THIS  
WOMAN WHO LOOKS  
LIKE YUKI HERE SO  
YOU GUYS COULD  
LAUGH AT ME?



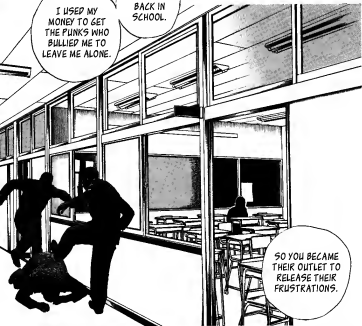




YOU'RE JUST AN IDIOT WHO CAN'T LIE, SO I CAN CALL IN MY DEBTS ANYTIME.

I USED MY MONEY TO GET THE PUNKS WHO BULLIED ME TO LEAVE ME ALONE.

IT WAS THE SAME BACK IN SCHOOL.



SO YOU BECAME THEIR OUTLET TO RELEASE THEIR FRUSTRATIONS.

PUNKS AND IDIOTS GO TOGETHER, I THOUGHT AND LAUGHED SO HARD BACK THEN.





THAT'S  
ENOUGH,  
SAITO.



I fapped  
4 times  
yesterday



YOU WERE  
AN IDIOT  
BEYOND ANY  
IMAGINING.



YET NO  
MATTER HOW  
MUCH YOU WERE  
BULLIED OR  
MOCKED, YOU  
STILL SMILED  
STUPIDLY.



I STILL THINK  
OF YOU AS MY  
BEST FRIEND.



DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT IT.

I APOLOGIZE  
FOR THAT  
UNSIGHTLY  
DISPLAY,  
MS. KAMONO.

YOUR  
FRIEND  
WASN'T IN  
HIS RIGHT  
MIND...

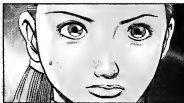


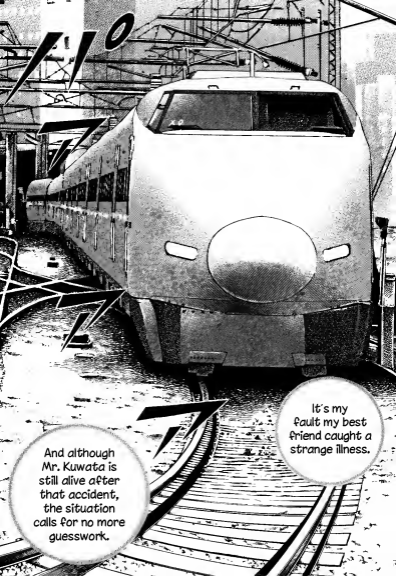
UM,  
I'D LIKE TO  
ASK A FAVOR  
OF YOU...



People only  
really tell the  
truth when  
they are drunk  
or when they  
are wounded.

Nope,  
those were  
Saito's true  
thoughts.





It's my  
fault my best  
friend caught a  
strange illness.

And although  
Mr. Kuwata is  
still alive after  
that accident,  
the situation  
calls for no more  
guesswork.

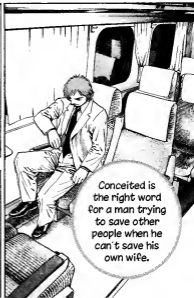


All I seem to be able to do is hurt them, much less save them.

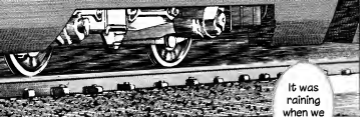
A mission to save lives...!?



Yuki...



Conceited is the right word for a man trying to save other people when he can't save his own wife.



It was raining when we met.



AHHHHH!  
THE FORECAST  
SAID IT WAS  
GOING TO BE  
CLEAR ALL  
DAY!



DAMN.





YOU TAKING  
SHELTER FROM  
THE RAIN HERE,  
TOO?



I fell in love with her the moment she stared at me.



HUH?

WOW, SHE CERTAINLY DOES LOOK LIKE ME.



WELL, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU SINCE YOU LOOKED SO DEPRESSED.



.....



WHY... WHY ARE YOU HERE...!?

YOU LOVE YOUR WIFE WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART, DON'T YOU MR. TACHIBANA?



YEAH. I HAVEN'T  
SEEN MY MOTHER  
AND FATHER-IN-LAW  
SINCE OUR WEDDING.

HAS IT BEEN A  
LONG TIME SINCE  
YOU'VE VISITED  
YOUR WIFE'S  
FAMILY HOUSE?



THE HOUSE  
IS JUST UP  
AHEAD.

OUR WEDDING  
WAS A SMALL  
AFFAIR WITH  
ONLY RELATIVES,  
THOUGH...







WHAT ARE  
YOU TWO  
DOING HERE?



WHY IS  
IT FALLING  
APART...

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO IT?



THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!  
I'VE STAYED  
IN THIS HOUSE  
BEFORE!

NO ONE'S  
LIVED HERE  
FOR SEVERAL  
DECADES.



WERE YOU BEWITCHED BY A FOX OR SOMETHING?



THIS IS MY WIFE'S HOUSE!

HER MOTHER AND FATHER WERE HERE!



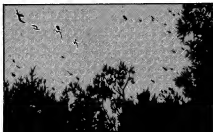
A fox...?

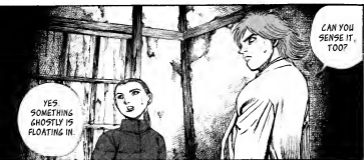


I definitely got a warm reception in this house.



That's... That's not possible.









A close-up, black and white illustration of a woman with long, dark hair. She has a serious, somewhat somber expression. Her eyes are dark and looking slightly to the side. She is wearing a dark, high-collared garment.

MY REAL  
NAME IS...

PRINCESS  
KUZUNOHA.

A full-body, black and white illustration of the same woman from the previous panel. She is standing and facing forward, wearing a traditional Japanese kimono. Her hands are tucked into her voluminous sleeves. The background is dark and indistinct.

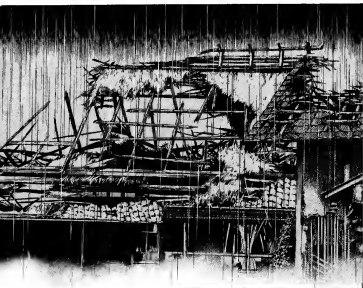
HITO.

A close-up, black and white illustration of a man with short, light-colored hair. He has a wide-eyed, shocked expression with a sweat drop on his forehead. He is wearing a white collared shirt and a dark tie.

YUKI!



YES...  
I AM THE  
MOTHER  
OF ABE NO  
SEIMEI.



异形人  
白若丸



AND I AM  
THE MOTHER  
OF ABE NO  
SEIMEI.

I AM  
A FOX IN  
HUMAN  
FORM.

MY  
REAL NAME  
IS PRINCESS  
KUZUNOHA.

YOU...  
YOU'RE ABE  
NO SEIMEI'S  
MOM?

## CHAPTER 32 IDENTITY



THAT...  
THAT MEANS  
YOU'RE NOT  
HUMAN...?

A FOX...  
IN HUMAN  
FORM...



I AM NOT  
HUMAN, BUT  
I FELL IN LOVE  
WITH ONE.

SEIMEI  
WAS CONCEIVED  
BETWEEN MYSELF  
AND MASTER  
DAIZEN, ABE NO  
MASUKI 1083  
YEARS AGO.

A close-up, black and white illustration of a wolf's face. The wolf has large, pointed ears and intense, light-colored eyes. Its fur is detailed with fine lines and shading, giving it a textured appearance. The wolf is looking slightly to the left of the viewer.

SEIMEI  
IS HUMAN  
BUT NOT,  
LIKE MYSELF.  
A VISITOR.

A black and white illustration of the interior of a traditional Japanese wooden building. The structure is made of dark wood with visible beams and a thatched roof. In the center, a man in a light-colored suit stands in a doorway, gesturing towards the right. To his left, a woman in a dark kimono stands in the doorway. In the foreground, a man in a dark kimono with a white sash stands with his back to the viewer, looking towards the man in the doorway.

THEN...  
THEN WHY  
DID YOU  
MARRY ME!?

A close-up, black and white illustration of a woman's face. She has a shocked and angry expression, with wide, staring eyes and a slightly open mouth. Her hair is dark and styled in a traditional manner. A single tear is visible on her right cheek.

KUKAI  
ORDERED  
ME TO IN  
SECRET.

A close-up, black and white illustration of a woman's face, showing her reaction to the previous scene. She has a shocked and angry expression, with wide, staring eyes and a slightly open mouth. Her hair is dark and styled in a traditional manner. A single tear is visible on her right cheek.

THE...  
PAISHI...



Inner  
Sanctum

KUKAI MAY BE  
GOOD TO THE  
HUMAN RACE,  
BUT HE IS  
TERRIFYING FOR  
US YOKAI.



Daishi  
Mausoleum

You will  
become his wife  
to preserve his  
pure spirit.

Princess Kuzunoha.  
Oniwakamaru will  
wake up inside of  
Tachibana Hitori  
soon.





Only  
Tachibana Hitori  
with Oniwakamaru  
can put a stop to  
his schemes.

An evil one who  
would bring about  
disaster has already  
wormed his way  
into this world.



The identity of  
that evil one...



Is none other  
than your son...  
Abe no Seimei.



THAT YOU  
WERE JUST  
MONITORING  
ME...

SO... SO  
THAT MEANS  
YOU MARRIED  
ME BECAUSE THE  
DAISHI ORDERED  
YOU TO...



THAT  
YOU DIDN'T  
LOVE ME!!





BECAUSE  
I AM NOT  
HUMAN.

I THOUGHT  
THAT I  
MUSTN'T  
LOVE YOU.



BUT  
I COULDN'T  
STAND THE  
THOUGHT OF ME  
DISAPPEARING  
FROM YOUR  
MEMORIES.

SO I BROUGHT  
YOU TOGETHER  
WITH KAMONO  
RYO BECAUSE  
SHE LOOKS  
JUST LIKE ME.





I WORRIED  
BETWEEN  
THE TWO  
OF YOU.

I DIDN'T  
WANT  
TO  
HURT EITHER  
OF YOU...



I AM  
SEIMEI'S  
MOTHER,  
AND I AM  
YOUR WIFE...



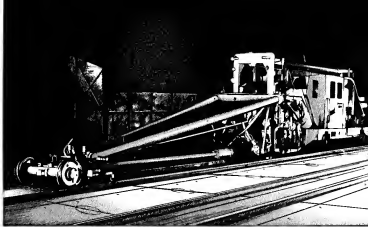
MY ONLY  
CHOICE WAS TO  
LEAVE BOTH  
OF YOU.

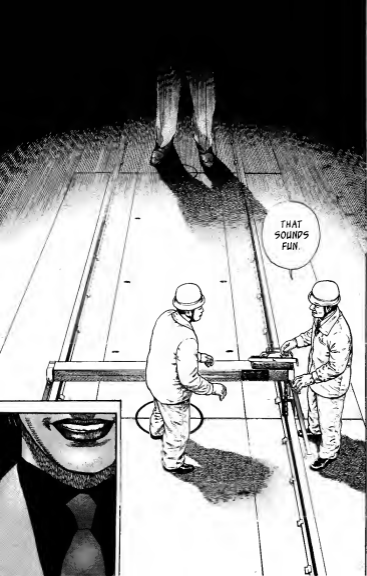


I'm  
sorry,  
Hito...

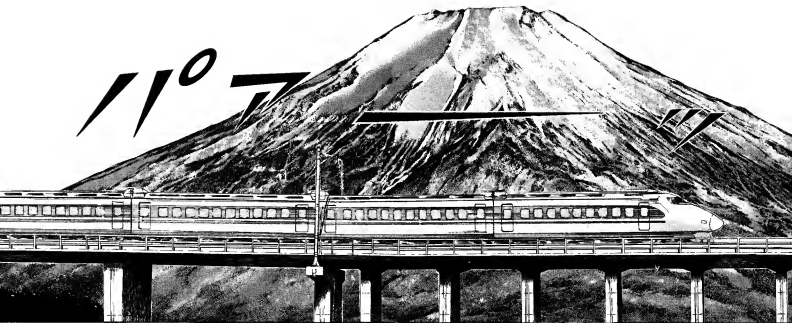


**YUKI!!**






THAT  
SOUNDS  
FUN.








Get angry  
at Kukai for  
playing with  
your fate.

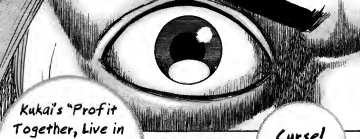
Get  
angry,  
Hito.



Hate the  
petty humans.



ST...  
STOP.



Kukai's "Profit Together, Live in Flock" means that we are used as slaves for mankind.

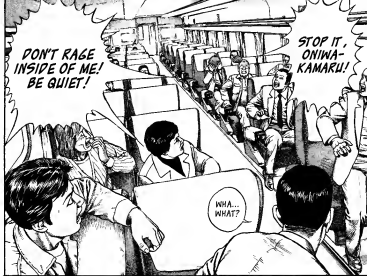
Curse!  
Kill!



We are not Kukai's puppet.



ONIWA-KAMARU.





If you  
refuse to anger,  
then I will do  
it for you!



MR...  
TACHIBANA.

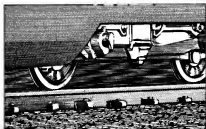
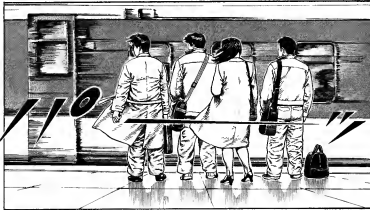








HIKARI 3XX  
WILL ARRIVE  
SOON ON  
TRACK #7.





HUH? WHY  
ISN'T IT  
STOPPING!?

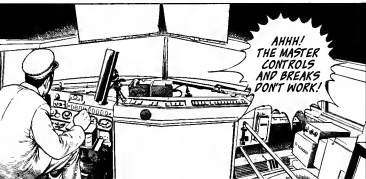


DID  
THE ATC\*  
FAIL!?

Bullet Train Main Control Center  
Centralized Traffic Control (CTC)

WHAT'S  
GOING ON!?  
WHY DID IT GO  
THROUGH?

\*Automatic Traffic Control



AHHH!  
THE MASTER  
CONTROLS  
AND BREAKS  
DON'T WORK!





WELL  
ONIWAKAMARU,  
IT LOOKS AS  
THOUGH YOU'VE  
TAKEN TACHIBANA  
HITORI'S BODY  
COMPLETELY NOW.

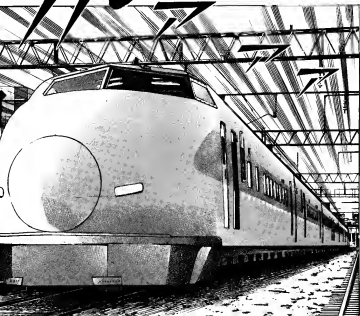


WE DON'T  
NEED TO  
QUARREL...



ONIWAKAMARU,  
KING OF THE  
YOKAI.

CONQUER THE  
HUMAN WORLD  
WITH ME.



异形人  
白若丸

**FINAL CHAPTER**  
**SADNESS BECOMES HOPE**

**ATC IS FAILING!  
THE MASTER  
CONTROLS AND  
BREAKS DON'T  
WORK!**

**HIKARI  
3XX IS A  
RUNAWAY  
TRAIN!**

**IS THERE  
REALLY A  
MONSTER  
IN FIRST  
CLASS!?**

**P...  
PLEASE  
CALMLY  
RETURN  
TO YOUR  
SEATS!**

**WHAT'S  
GOING ON!?  
WHY AREN'T  
WE STOP-  
PING!?**

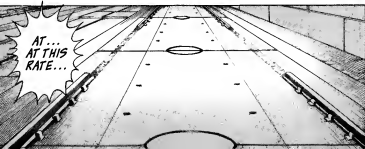


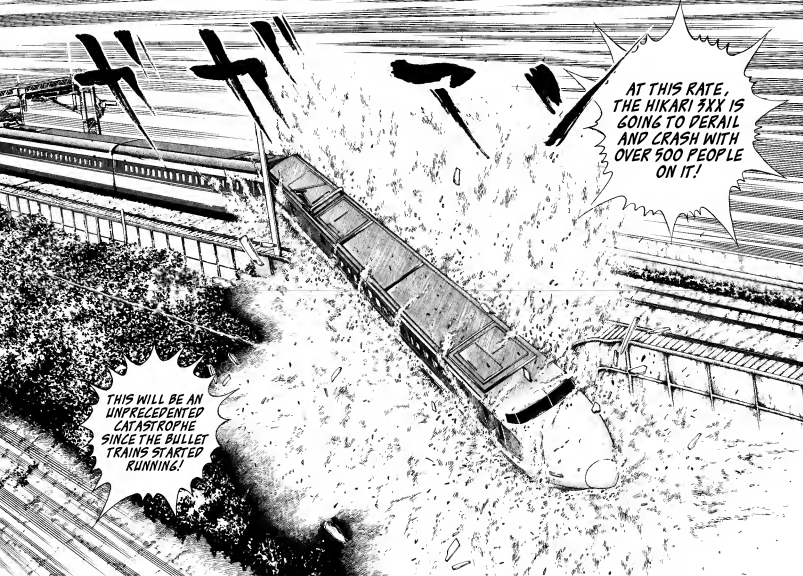
JOIN ME AND LET  
US CONQUER THE  
HUMAN WORLD,  
ONIWAKAMARU.

WE DON'T  
NEED TO  
QUARREL.

FINAL CHAPTER

SADNESS BECOMES HOPE





**AT THIS RATE,  
THE HIKARI 3XX IS  
GOING TO DERAIL  
AND CRASH WITH  
OVER 500 PEOPLE  
ON IT!**

**THIS WILL BE AN  
UNPRECEDENTED  
CATASTROPHE  
SINCE THE BULLET  
TRAINS STARTED  
RUNNING!**



INCOMPETENT  
AND POWERLESS  
HUMANS TREMBLE  
IN FEAR TO LOOK  
UPON US VISITORS.



IT  
REALLY IS A  
MONSTER.

IT'S...  
IT'S A  
MONSTER.





CONQUERING  
THEM WILL ONLY  
TAKE GIVING THEM  
FEAR AND UNEASE.



BUT NO MATTER  
HOW MANY YOU KILL,  
THEY'LL CONTINUE  
TO BIRTH MORE.



I...



HUH?



THE  
MORE WEAK  
AND INFERIOR  
A CREATURE,  
THE BETTER  
THE ABILITY  
TO BREED.

**I AM  
TACHIBANA  
HITORI!**





WHAT?



THAT'S...  
IMPOSSIBLE.  
THAT MEANS  
THAT TACHIBANA  
HITORI TOOK OVER  
ONIWAKAMARU'S  
FLESH!?

ONIWAKAMARU  
WAS FULL OF  
HATEFUL THOUGHTS,  
HATRED FOR KUKAI  
AND DISGUST  
FOR HUMANS!





*THAT  
VOICE!  
KUKAI!*

Hohohoh.  
Oniwakamaru  
has no hateful  
thoughts.



He felt for  
Tachibana Hitori...  
was distressed...  
and got angry  
for him.

Oniwakamaru  
was extremely  
angry, but not  
for himself.

A demon  
who learned to  
be passionate.



Oniwakamaru  
is no longer  
Oniwakamaru.

COME FORTH,  
MY SPIRIT BLADE.  
DEMON SLAYER.

AH-  
AH-  
AH!





**BENKEI!**



**ST...  
STOP THIS,  
ONIWAKA...  
NO,  
TACHIBANA  
HITORI!**



**PREPARE  
YOURSELF,  
SEIMEI!**



AGH!







I LATER  
BECAME A  
SORCERER.



I'M A VISITOR  
BORN FROM A  
SPECTER AND  
A HUMAN.



AND  
PUNISHED  
OTHER  
SPECTERS.



I WANTED  
TO BECOME  
HUMAN.



A VISITOR  
WILL ALWAYS  
BE A VISITOR.

BUT I  
NEVER  
BECAME  
ONE.



I DIDN'T  
EXTERMINATE  
SPECTERS  
BECAUSE I  
WANTED TO...



TACHIBANA  
HITORI. YOU  
WILL COME TO  
THIS SAME  
FATE.



WHAT'S  
WAITING FOR YOU  
AFTER YOU HAVE  
COMPLETED YOUR  
MISSION!?

I AM YOUR  
FUTURE!



YOU  
ARE ONLY  
BEING USED  
BY KUKAI.



ONLY  
DESPAIR  
AWAITS  
YOU.





visitors  
and humans  
cannot  
coexist.



ALWAYS  
WAS, IS,  
AND WILL  
BE.

MY HEART  
IS STILL  
HUMAN.

WE'LL  
DERAIL  
SOON!

In  
Japanese,  
human is  
written as  
"person" and  
"interval".

SA...  
SAVE  
US!

Dealing with  
other people is  
what it means  
to be a human.

OH,  
GOD...



THAT WAS  
MY PROMISE  
WITH YUKI!

MY SPIRIT IS  
STILL HUMAN  
EVEN THOUGH  
MY SHAPE AND  
FORM MAY BE  
THAT OF A  
STRANGE  
DEMON!

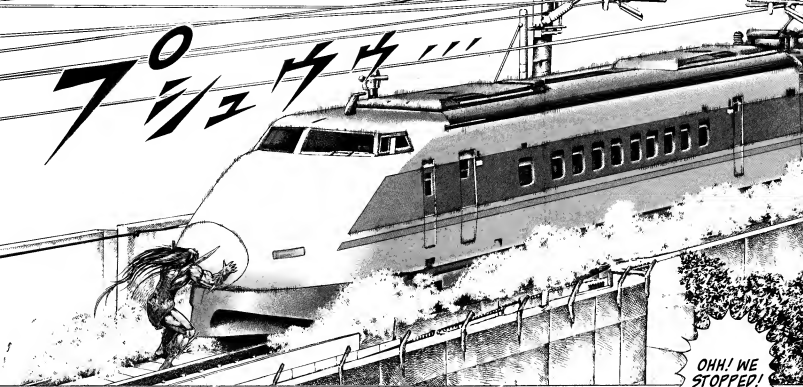


I DON'T  
WANT ANOTHER  
INCIDENT LIKE  
THE TRAGEDY OF  
28 YEARS AGO!




I DON'T  
WANT TO SEE  
THAT HELLISH  
LANDSCAPE  
AGAIN!

I'M THE  
ONLY ONE  
WHO NEEDS  
TO BECOME  
A DEMON!

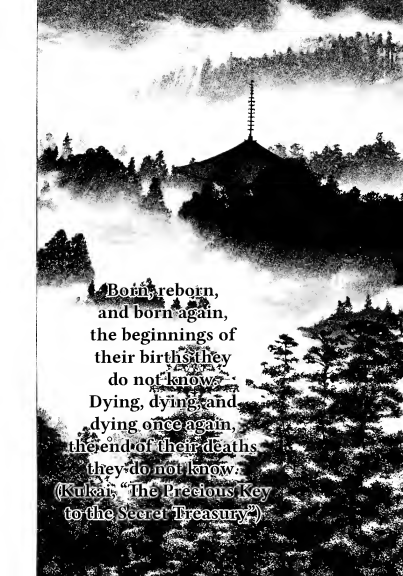






Thus is  
born the true  
Oniwakamaru,  
savior of all  
living things.

The complete union  
of a human with a pure  
soul and a demon with  
immense power.



Born, reborn,  
and born again,  
the beginnings of  
their births they  
do not know.  
Dying, dying, and  
dying once again,  
the end of their deaths  
they do not know.

(Kukai, "The Precious Key  
to the Secret Treasury")





SEIMEI.



YOUR  
NAME IS  
TACHIBANA...





WELL THEN,  
LET'S GO  
MEET YOUR  
FATHER.



「ビジネスジャンプ」H15年24号～H16年8号まで  
好評連載されたものを収録しました。

●ヤングジャンプ・コミックス●

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